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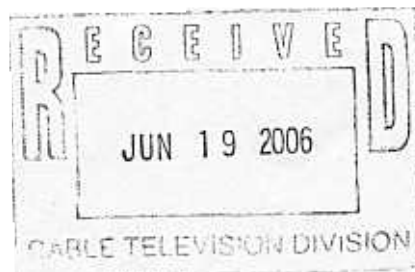
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Ms. Alicia C. Matthews, Director
Massachusetts Cable Television Division
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110



Dear Ms. Matthews:

INITIAL CABLE LICENSING PURSUANT TO 207 CMR 3.02(1)(a)

The Wareham Board of Selectmen has voted to initiate the cable licensing process pursuant to 207 CMR 3.02(1)(a). On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I make the following waiver requests.

The town will of course, follow the statutory licensing requirements throughout the process however the Board is requesting two (2) waivers from the Cable Television Division. First, the Board requests that the Cable Division reduce the required sixty (60) day notice requirement/filing deadline (207 CMR 3.03(2) to thirty (30) days. The Board believes that granting this waiver would serve the public interest since there is no benefit gained by such a lengthy period when there will clearly be only one applicant (Verizon of New England, Inc.).

The Board also requests that the Cable Division waive the requirement to advertise in a national trade journal (207 CMR 3.03(2)). The Board believes that granting this waiver would also be in the public interest because the cost of such advertising is significant and would not generate additional applications.

We understand that the Massachusetts Cable Division has granted waivers to other Massachusetts communities.

Sincerely,

R. Renée Fernandes-Abbott, Chairman
Wareham Board of Selectmen

Copy: Mr. Peter T. Bowman, Verizon New England
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